

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a hydraulic brake device for a vehicle in which the output hydraulic pressure of a hydraulic pressure source is adjusted to a value corresponding to the brake operating amount with a pressure adjusting valve and the master cylinder is actuated under the adjusted hydraulic pressure, bottoming may occur in which the master piston makes a full stroke while the braking force is still low due to a vapor lock phenomenon. In the hydraulic brake device of this invention, the hydraulic pressure generated in a hydraulic pressure source is adjusted to a value corresponding to the brake operating amount with a pressure adjusting valve and introduced into a pressure chamber to actuate the master piston of the master cylinder. A pressure sensor for detecting the output hydraulic pressure of the pressure adjusting valve and a master cylinder pressure sensor for detecting the output hydraulic pressure of the master cylinder are provided and the hydraulic pressures detected by both sensors are compared with each other by a bottoming detecting means to determine that bottoming of the master piston has occurred if the output hydraulic pressure of the master cylinder is smaller than a predetermined target value and, an

alarm means gives an alarm.